GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR TOURIST SPOTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tourist spots which have received foreign assistance for development during the last three years, State-wise with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the criteria adopted to provide foreign assistance to the tourist spots; and (

(c) the names of tourist spots which have been developed with the said assistance, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The Government entered into a loan agreement with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan in January 1992 for conservation and development of Ajanta & Ellora in Maharashtra. The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund assistance is to the tune of 3745 million Japanese Yen. The project is expected to be completed by March, 2002.
The Government had also entered into a loan agreement with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan in December, 1988 for development of infrastructure facilities along with identified Buddhist circuit in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It was agreed that Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund would extend financial assistance to the tune of 7.7 billion Japanese Yen. The project has been completed at the cost of Rs.251.050 crores in December, 1998 Andhra Pradesh received no foreign assistance during the last three years through Department of Tourism, Government of India.

(b) : The acceptance of project proposals for foreign assistance depends on the funding agency.

(c) : Ajanta, Ellora (Maharashtra), Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piprahawa, Sravasti in Uttar Pradesh and Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir and Vaishali in Bihar.